

*Paris Parlement*  
The Decree of the Court of  
Parliament against Iohn Chastel,  
Scholler, Student in the Colledge of the  
*Iesuites, upon the Parricide by him attemp-*  
*ted against the Kings person.*

*Also for the banishment of the whole*  
societie of the said Iesuits out of France  
*and at the Kings dominions, withal contain-*  
*ing a prohibition, not to sende their*  
*children to any Colledge of the*  
*saide societie.*

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University of Cambridge

and against the

Alms for the Maintenance of the whole

Societies of the University of Cambridge

and of the University of Oxford

in a Petition presented to the

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Three Kings in the Strand

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*student in the Colledge of the Iesuites, for the*  
 parricide by him attempted against the Kings  
 person. Extract out of the Parlia-  
 ment Roules.

**T**he Court, the great cham-  
 ber, and the Tournell as-  
 sembled, hauing seene and  
 considered the processe in-  
 tented and begunne by the  
 Hrouost of the kings house  
 and afterwarde finished by  
 instructions in the same, at  
 the petition of the kings attourney generall,  
 plaintife and accuser against Iohn Chastel, na-  
 tiue of Parris, scholer, who hath passed his exer-  
 cises of study in the colledge of Cleremot, now  
 prisoner in the prison of the Conciergerie of  
 the pallace: for and in respecte of a most horri-  
 ble and most abhominable paricide by him at-  
 tempted against the kings person. The depo-  
 sitions and confession of the said Iohn Chastel  
 heard and deposed in the same Court vpon the  
 said case of paricide, also Iohn Gueret priest, en-  
 tituling him selfe of the congregation and socie-  
 tie of Iesus, making his aboad and habitati-  
 on in the said colledge, heretofore, tutor and  
 scholemaster to the said Iohn Chastel: Peter  
 Chastel and Denise Hazard father and mother



of the said Iohn, being all heard: The conclusions of the Kinges Attourney generall and all other matters thozowly considered.

It shall bee said, that the saide court hath declared and by these presentes doth declare the said Iohn Chastel to bee atteinted and convict of treason, against God and man in the highest degree, for and in consideration of his most wicked and detestable parricide attempted against the Kinges person. In satisfaction and amendes of which his crime, the saide courte hath condemned and doth condemne the saide Iohn Chastel to make honourable satisfaction and amendes before the principall gate of the chiefe church in Paris, and there naked to his shirte, with a burning torch of waaxe, of the waight of two poundes, on his knees to acknowledge and confesse, that wretchedlie, and traiterously hee attempted the saide most inhumane and most abhominable parricide, and that with a knife he wounded the King in the face: Also that being falslie instructed and perswaded, in his saide proces, he saide and affirmed that it is lawfull to kill Kinges, and that King Henry the fourth, now raigning, is not in the church untill hee hath the approbation of the Pope: Whereof, and of euery part whereof, hee repenteth and asketh forgiveness of God, of the King and of the law. This done, that hee shall bee conueied in a Tumbrel to the place called the greue: There to haue his armes and thighes rent  
with



with burning piners, and his right hand holding the knife wherewith hee endeouored to haue committed the saide parricide, cut off. Then his body to be drawne in sunder and dismembred by four horses, and his carkasse and quarters cast into the fire, and so consumed into ashes: also his said ashes to bee scattered in the winde. It hath also declared and doth declare, al and euery his goods to be forfeited and confiscate to the King. Likewise that before the execution of the premises, the saide Iohn Chastel shall bee put to the torture both ordinarie and extraordinary: therby to seek and finde out the trueth of his confederates, with other circumstances depending vppon the said proesse. It also hath inhibited and forbidden and doth inhibit and forbid all persons of whatsoeuer calling or condition, vnder paine of treason, not to speake, or in anie place either publike or other, to vtter or giue forth the said speeches, which the said courte hath declared, and by these presentes doth declare to be slanderous or offensive, sedicious, repugnant to Gods holie word, and condemned by holy Decrees. It is also ordayned and decreed, that all priestes & schollers of the colledge of Cleremont, or all other that entitle themselves of the same society, as corrupters of youth, disturbers of common quietnes and enemies to the King and the estate, shal within three dayes after notice of this arrest and decree vnto them giuen, depart and auoyd out



of all towne & places where their colledges  
 are situate, and within fifteen dayes more out  
 of the whole realme : vnder paine if they bee  
 found therein after the saide time, to be puni-  
 shed as criminal and guilty of the saide crime  
 of treason. All goods moouable and immone-  
 able to them appertaining, to bee employed  
 vpon deedes of charity, and distribution of the  
 same to be made by order of the court. Moreover  
 the said court inhibiteth and forbiddeth  
 al the kings subiects whatsoeuer, not to sende  
 any schollers vnto the colledges of the saide  
 Iesuits, situate without the realme, there to be  
 taught and instructed, vnder the like penalty  
 of treason. The court hath also ordained & doth  
 ordain that the briefs of this present arrest or  
 decre shall be sent to all bayliuikes & stewar-  
 dies within this country, to the ende the same  
 may be put in execution according to the tenor  
 and form of the same. It also enioineth al bai-  
 liefs & stewards, their Lieutenants general &  
 particular, to proceed to the execution thereof  
 within the prefixed time limited in the same.  
 And al substitutes to the Attorney general, to  
 assist the said execution: to enform & enquire of  
 all offenders herein, & stil to certifie the court  
 of their proceedinges and diligence at every  
 moneths end, vnder paine of deprivation of  
 their offices.

*Signed du Tillet.*

Pronounced to the said *Iohn Chastel*, who was executed, the  
 the 29. of December in the year 1594. according  
 to the French Computation.



**Arrest de la Cour de Parlement, contre**  
**Jean Chastel Escholier, estudiant au College des**  
**Jesuites, pour la parricide par luy attenté sur la personne**  
**du Roy.**

**Extrait des Registres de Parlement.**

**M** En par la Cour, les grand Chambre &  
 Tournelle assemblees, le procès crimi-  
 nel commencé à faire par le Preuost de  
 l'Hostel du Roy, & depuis parachené  
 d'instruire en icelle, à la requeste du Procureur ge-  
 neral du Roy demandeur & accusateur à l'encon-  
 tre de Jean Chastel natif de Paris, escholier, ayant  
 fait le cours de ses estudes au college de Clermôt,  
 prisonnier es prisons de la Conciergerie du Palais:  
 Pour raison du tres-execrable & tres-abominable  
 parricide attenté sur la personne du Roy. Interro-  
 gatoires & confessions dudit Jean Chastel, oy &  
 interrogé en ladicte Cour ledict Chastel sur le fait  
 dudit parricide. Ouys aussi en icelle Jean Gueret  
 Prestre, soy disant de la congregation & société  
 du nom de Iesus, demeurant audict College, & cy  
 deuant Precepteur dudit Jean Chastel: Pierre  
 Chastel, & Denise Hazard, pere & mere dudit  
 Jean. Conclusions du Procureur general du Roy,  
 & tout considéré,  
 Il sera dit, que ladicte cour a déclaré & declare  
 ledict Jean Chastel, atteint & conuaincu du crime  
 de leze majesté, diuine & humaine au premier chef,  
 par le tres-mechant, & tres-detestable parricide at-  
 tenté sur la personne du Roy: pour reparation du-  
 quel



quel crime a condamné & condamné ledict Jean Chastel à faire amende honorable deuant la principale porte de l'Eglise de Paris, nud en chemise, tenant vne torche de cire ardente du poix de deux liures, & illec à genoux dire & declarer que malheureusement & proditoirement il a attenté ledict tres-inhumain & tres-abhominable parricide: & blessé le Roy d'un cousteau en la face & par faulx & damnables instructions il a dit audict procès estre permis de tuer les Roys, & que le Roy Henry quatriesme à present regnant n'est en l'Eglise, iusques à ce qu'il ait l'approbation du Pape: dont il se repent & demande pardon à Dieu, au Roy & à Justice. Ce fait, estre mené et conduit en vn tumbe-reau en la place de Greue. Illec tenaillé aux bras et cuisses, et la main dextre, tenant en icelle le cousteau duquel il s'est efforcé commettre ledict parricide, couppez. Et apres, son corps tiré et desmembré avec quatre cheuaux, et les membres et corps jettes au vent. A déclaré & déclaré nous et chascuns ses biens acquis et confisquezz au Roy. Auant laquelle execution, sera ledict Jean Chastel appliqué à la question ordinaire et extraordinaire, pour scauoir la verité de ses complices, et d'autres cas resultans dudict procès. A fait & fait inhibitions et defences à toutes personnes de quelque qualité et condition qu'elles soient, sur peine de crime de leze Majesté, de dire ne profeter, en aucun lieu public, ne autre, lesdicts propos lesquels ledict court a déclarés & déclare scandaleux, seditieux, contraires à la parole de Dieu, et condamnez comme heresiques par les saincts Decrets. Ordonne que les Por-



stres et Escholiers du college de Clermont, et tous autres, soy disans de ladicte societé, comme corrupteurs de la ieunesse, perturbateurs du repos public, ennemis du Roy, et de l'Estat, vuideront dedans trois iours, apres la signification du present Arrest hors de Paris, et autres villes, et lieux où sont leurs colleges: et quinzaine apres, hors du Royaume, sur peine où ils y seront trouuez ledict temps passé, d'estre punis comme criminels et culpables dudit crime de leze Maiesté. Seront les biens, tant meubles qu'immeubles à eux appartenants employez en oeuvres pitoyables, et distribution d'iceux faite ainsi que par la cour sera ordonné. Outre, fait defences à tous sujets du Roy d'enuoyer des escholiers aux colleges de ladite societé, qui sont hors du Royaume, pour y estre instruits sur la mesme peine de crime de leze Maiesté. Ordonne la cour, que les extraicts du present Arrest seront enuoyez aux Bailliages et seneschauſſees de ce ressort, pour estre executé selon sa forme et teneur. Enioinct aux Baillifs et Seneschaux, leurs Lieutenans generaux et particuliers, proceder à l'execution dedans le delay contenu en iceluy: Et aux Substituts du Procureur general, tenir la main à ladicte execution, faire informer des contrauentions, et certifier ladicte Cour de leurs diligences au moys, sur peine de priuation de leurs estats.

Signé,

DV TILLET.

*Prononce audit Jean Chastel, execute le  
Jeudy vingtneufiesme Decembre  
quatre vingts quatorze.*